

NEWLETTER

First Presbyterian Church of Croswell

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AUGUST ENDINGS AND BEGINNINGS

For many, August is known as the final scorching days of summer. But for Christians, August is a good time to reflect on endings and beginnings. It's the end of summer, and to youth, August means the end of freedom. But with the start of school in September will come some exciting new beginnings.

Endings and beginnings. Those two are bookends of our covenant relationship with God. God forgives our sins. The forgiveness of our sins is the glorious end of guilt feelings. God's mercy and grace then provides us a new beginning. A chance to start over. Anew. With Jesus as our Savior, it is always possible to experience a new beginning with God and God's people.

In the Old Testament Book of Joshua, Joshua and the people of Israel are entering their Promised Land. Their wandering in the desert has ended. At the threshold of a new beginning, the people are called by Joshua to renew their covenant with God: ***"decide today whom you will serve."*** (Joshua 24:15)

Maybe the summer of 2024 hasn't been 40 years in the desert for us. Unlike the ancient people of God, we are not perishing from thirst and hunger. But the end of summer is nevertheless a good time to reach up and and renew our own relationship with God, as well as reaching out and renewing our relationship with one another.

With our son and daughter-in-law's family in Oregon, and our daughter and son-in-law's family in California, August is back to school prep month. Our grandchildren, entering the 4th grade, 10th grade and two of them in 12th grade, will soon be gathering school supplies, setting earlier bedtimes, and waking up earlier. As they prepare to reconnect with teachers and classmates, they will be setting new goals goals for academic and athletic growth. And for our son, Andrew, who coaches a Junior Varsity Boys Soccer team, it will soon be time to call his team back together and restart their training.

The end of summer also offers opportunities to renew our commitment to God and the church. At Sunday morning worship services at First Presbyterian Church, we renew our faith when we stand and sing together hymns and recite the words of The Apostle's Creed. And most powerfully, we are healed spiritually and our faith is renewed by the life-giving body and blood of Jesus in the Holy Communion.

Through all of the endings and beginnings going on in your life right now, know of my prayers and support. May faithful prayers for one another help us to ***"serve the Lord, for he is our God."*** (Joshua 24:15)

Bill Wright
Pastor

PASTOR ON CALL

Pastor Bill Wright is available to visit church members anytime, anywhere, either for emergency situations or casual conversations. Feel free to call Bill at (810) 858-7033

August 2024



Prayer Requests

Chip Goline - heart related issues, is home from hospital but still in need of prayer.

Debbie Glombowski (friend of Diane Todd) back surgery.

Lisa Haddix and family upon the passing of her mom, Barbara.

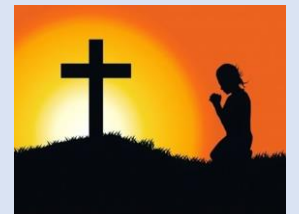
Safe travels for all those vacationing this summer.

Children and teachers as school resumes the end of the month.

All those going through surgeries, tests and treatments.

Those suffering from natural disasters, displacement and loss from severe weather.

Prayers for linemen and first responders. Prayers for those we hold silent in our heart.



Welcome August Quotes

“Goodbye July, and a big hello to August.”

“Though Goodbyes are depressing, but Hellos are always pleasing. So welcome August and say goodbye to July, the lovely month of celebrating freedom.”

“Hello August, please be kind and less happening. I am not in the mood to go through a lot of excitement this month.”

“Drop the last month into the silent limbo of the past. Let it go, for it was imperfect, and thank God that it can go.” – Brooks Atkinson

“May your month of August be filled with wonderful blessings of good health, love, peace, happiness, and prosperity.” – Unknown

“Welcome, August! A bounty of beautiful beginnings and never ending blessings. Hey, you, the reader, may your all dreams come true this month.”

“Good things are going to happen. Welcome, August!” – Anonymous

“Keep calm because August is here.” – Unknown



Scripture for Summer Joys

One joy of summer is its beauty. We can praise God for this beauty with Psalm 96. A portion of that psalm reads:

*Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.
Declare his glory among the nations, his
marvelous deeds among all peoples.*

*For great is the Lord and most worthy of
praise;*

*he is to be feared above all gods. For all
the gods of the nations are idols, but the
Lord made the heavens. Splendor and
majesty are before him; strength and
glory are in his sanctuary.*

Another Scripture verse that can remind us of the joys God has created is [1 Chronicles 16:32 to 34](#):

*Let the sea resound, and all that is in it;
let the fields be jubilant, and everything in
them!*

*33 Let the trees of the forest sing, let them
sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes
to judge the earth.*

*34 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is
good; his love endures forever.*

Using these Scriptures daily can help us to [remain joyful](#) and to project that joyfulness

SUMMER MESSAGE SERIES.

(These following scripture lessons will become the basis of Pastor Bill Wright's messages on Sundays during the summer)

August 4 "How to Stop Worrying and Start Living"

Matthew 6: 25-34

August 11 "How to Deal With Criticism"

Matthew 7: 1-6

August 18 "How to Live by the Golden Rule"

Matthew 7: 7-12

August 25 "How to Make the Enter the Narrow Gate"

Matthew 7: 13-14

August 11 "How to Build a Secure Future"

Matthew 7: 24-29



What are the dog days of summer?

You might have heard the hottest days of summer referred to as the "dog days of summer" ... but where did this term come from? According to the National Weather Service:

The "dog days of summer" is a phrase used to describe the hot and humid days of summer. It can be traced back thousands of years to the days of the Roman Empire. It refers to the dates from July 3 through August 11, which is 20 days prior and 20 days after the star Sirius rises and falls in conjunction with the sun. Sirius was known as the "Dog Star," because it is the brightest star in the constellation Canis Major (Large Dog).

Dog days and Sirius in conjunction with the sun Since Sirius is in conjunction with the sun on July 23, the dog days of summer centered around then. The dog days of summer fall between July 3 to August 11, and that's when we have our warmest days in the Northern Hemisphere.

So even though we know why this is the hottest time of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, the legend of the dog days has survived.

Bottom line: The dog days of summer are named for the Dog Star, Sirius – the brightest star in the sky – in the constellation Canis Major the Greater Dog

Midsummer's Eve



Where are you going, summer breeze?
Off beyond the fields and trees.

What do you see when you blow that way?
Children jumping from bales of hay.

What do you hear as you travel the land?
People dancing to an outdoor band.

What do you smell as you rush about?
The perfume of blossoms bursting out.

What do you taste as you soar up high?
Fresh corn on the cob and apple pie.

What do you feel as you climb to great heights?
The heat of the day and the warmth of the nights.

What do you wish for as you leave?
Let all folks enjoy this midsummer's eve

SPECIAL DAYS IN AUGUST

Aug. 1
Respect For Parents
Spider-Man Day
Lammas Day
Aug. 2
Homemade Pie Day
International Beer Day
National Water Balloon Day
Take A Penny/Leave A Penny Day
Aug. 3
Sandcastle Day
Sleep Under The Stars Night
Watermelon Day
Aug. 4
Friendship Day
National Chocolate Chip Day
National Kids Day
National Wine Day
Raisin Bran Day
Sister's Day
Aug. 5
National Underwear Day
Picnic Day
Aug. 6
National Fresh Breath Day
National Night Out
National Root Beer Float Day
Aug. 7
Purple Heart Day
Aug. 8
International Cat Day
National Fried Chicken and Waffles Day
National Whataburger Day
Aug. 9
Book Lovers Day
Shop Online For Groceries Day
Aug. 10
Middle Child Day
S'mores Day
Aug. 11
Bagel Day
National Align Your Teeth Day
National Hip Hop Day
Popsicle Day
Presidential Joke Day
Aug. 12
Home Sewing Machine Day
World Elephant Day
Aug. 13
International Lefthander's Day
Aug. 14
V-J Day
World Calligraphy Day

Aug. 15
Best Friends Day
Check the Chip Day
National Relaxation Day
Aug. 16
Kool-Aid Day
National Rollercoaster Day
Aug. 17
Black Cat Appreciation Day
I Love My Feet Day
National Honey Bee Day
Aug. 18
National Fajita Day
Serendipity Day
Aug. 19
Black Cow, Root Beer Float Day
National Potatoe Day
Aug. 20
National Radio Day
World Mosquito Day
Aug. 21
International Day of Remembrance Day
Aug. 22
Be An Angel Day
National Tooth Fairy Day
Never Been Better Day
Aug. 23
Black Ribbon Day
Cuban Sandwich Day
Find Your Inner Nerd Day
Valentino Day
Aug. 24
International Strange Music Day
National Waffle Iron Day
Wayzgoose Day
Aug. 25
Pony Express Day
Aug. 26
National Hot Dog Day
National Toilet Paper Day
Got Checked Day
Aug. 27
Just Because Day
Petroleum Day
World Rock Scissors Paper Day
Aug. 28
Crackers Over The Keyboard Day
National Bow Tie Day
National Power Randers Day
National Thoughtful Day
Red Wine Day

Aug. 29
More Herbs, Less Salt Day
National Whiskey Sour Day
Aug. 30
National Beach Day
National Toasted Marshmallow Day
Aug. 31
Burnt Ends Day
International Bacon Day
World Daffodil Day
National Matchmakers Day
Trail Mix Day

WEEK EVENTS

Wk.1 International Clown Wk
National Cleanse Your Skin Wk
World Lumberjack Championships
National Button Wk
Wk 2 Weird Contest Wk
Bullying No Way Wk
Wk 3 Be Kind to Humankind Wk
World Princess Wk
Wk 4 Hog Days
Cow Chip Throwing Days
International Bat Night
Sweetcorn Days

MONTHLY EVENTS

Happiness Happens Month
National Catfish Month
National Dog Month
Read-A-Romance Month
Tomboy Tools Month (pink tools)
National Cowgirl Month



From your little Library in the corner....

Life can be tough. Stress, disappointment, heartache, hurt – all are part of the human condition. But while pain is unavoidable, misery is optional! The freeing message of *You Gotta Keep Dancin'* is that, no matter what your circumstances, you can choose to be joyful. *You Gotta Keep Dancin'*, by Tim Hansel. (Blue Dot - Christianity)

Angels, by Dr. Billy Graham, records the experiences of Dr. Graham and others who are convinced that at moments of special need, they have been attended by angels. *Angels*, by Billy Graham. (Gray Dot - Authors)

“Today the spirit of strife and contention is destroying churches, marriages and families, friendships and relationships, and even personal relationships with God....Do you have troubled, broken relationships with those around you? Strife does not have to destroy your life.” From *Life Without Strife*, by Joyce Meyer. (Blue Dot - Christianity)

“The gospel is all the good news about Jesus. *Jesus Lives* will help your children love Jesus – the baby born at Christmas, the caring and loving teacher, the Savior who died on the cross, and the Christ who rose again at Easter.” From *Jesus Lives!* By Ron and Lyn Klug. (Yellow Dot - Children)

“The world tells kids, ‘You’re special if....If you have the brains, the looks, the talent.’ God tells them, ‘You’re special just because. No qualifications necessary.’ Only one of those messages will find its place in their hearts. That’s why every child you know needs to hear this one, reassuring truth.” From *You Are Precious in His Sight*, by Max Lucado. (Yellow Dot - Children)



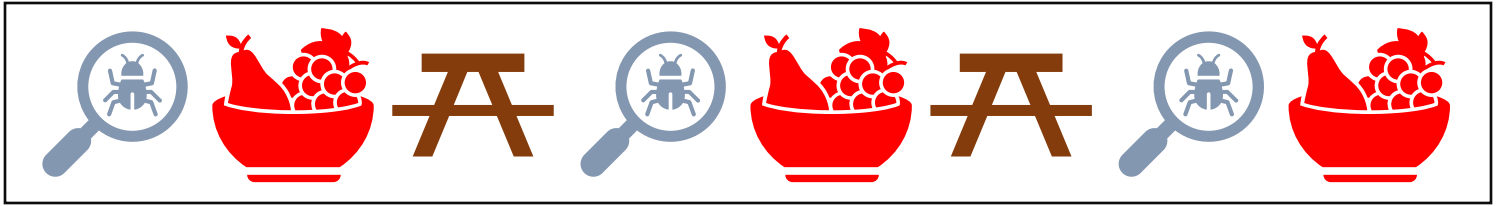
Happy
Birthday



4th JoAnn Hall
8th Bill Milletics
28th Michael Warner

2nd Tom & Cindy Fockler
7th Jon & Sharron Lusher
18th Paul & Sue Holbrook
20th Andrew & Kim Young
29th Gary & Sally Pomeroy
30th Bill & Ann Milletics

Dates to Remember



AUGUST 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Sessions Mtg. 6:30 pm	14	15 Food Truck Valiant Ministries 12-2 p.m.	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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FUN IN THE SUN, JULY 28, 2024



**FELLOWSHIP, FOOD AND FUN
WAS HAD BY ALL.**

**THANK YOU EVERYONE WHO
PARTICIPATED IN THIS
GREAT EVENT, AND THANKS
TO ALL THE PEOPLE FOR
THEIR HARD WORK IN
SETTING UP THIS GREAT
EVENT.**

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